Abstract of the Disclosure

A user of a personal information manager (PIM) may conveniently input an appointment time in the PIM according to a time zone (e.g., Eastern time zone) different from the default time zone (e.g., Pacific time zone) on which the PIM

5   operates. When the appointment data including the appointment time is synchronized into a database, in accordance with an inventive time-shift approach, the appointment time is initially accepted into the database, and then corrected based on a time range specified by the

10   user, appointments within which are time-shifted from the default time zone to another time zone also specified by the user. In accordance with a second, inventive time-zone qualifier approach, the user when entering the appointment time in the PIM also provides a time-zone qualifier

15   specifying a time zone different from the default time zone. Based on such a qualifier, in a data synchronization, an administrator of the database corrects the appointment time in the PIM to reflect the specified time zone before it incorporates the appointment time into the database.